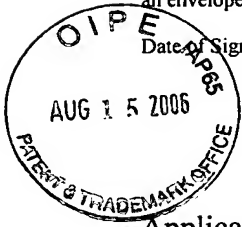


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of February 10, 2006, please amend the above application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Amendments to the Sequence Listing being on page 8 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper